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Ms. Claire Grady assumed duties as the Deputy Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Director of Acquisition Services on Feb. 10, 2013. Previously, Ms. Grady served as the Director of Contracting Procurement and the Coast Guard's Head of Contracting Activity. In that capacity, she led the development and implementation of procurement policy and operations supporting the diverse portfolio of Coast Guard missions. She also was the principal business advisor to Coast Guard senior leadership and was the community leader for the Coast Guard's civilian and military procurement professionals.

Ms. Grady served until July 2007 as the director of strategic initiatives in the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In that position, she provided strategic direction impacting DHS's multibillion-dollar contracting and financial assistance programs through a broad portfolio of initiatives, including acquisition policy, grants policy and oversight, strategic sourcing, competitive sourcing and acquisition systems.

Ms. Grady has more than 20 years' experience in major systems acquisition, having begun her professional career with the Department of the Navy as a contracting career intern. She progressed to a number of significant positions at the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), one of the federal government's largest and most complex acquisition organizations. Her accomplishments include serving as the contracting officer for the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship and for the Standard Missile program. Ms. Grady also was the program manager for the multibillion-dollar, Navy-wide acquisition of contractor support services (SeaPort), the director of strategic initiatives for NAVSEA's Contracts Directorate and the deputy division director for Surface Weapon Systems.

Ms. Grady received a Bachelor of Arts from Trinity University, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland and a Master of Science in national resource strategy from National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces. She holds Level III acquisition professional certifications in contracting and program management. In 2010, Ms. Grady was recognized with the Presidential Rank Award of meritorious executive.